

FHOC#612

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER: 107	DATE: 11/13/72

1. NAME

COMMON:
Tharp House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
STREET AND NUMBER: **E of Farmington on Hwy 92A U.S. Route 13**

CITY OR TOWN:
CITY OR TOWN: **Farmington vic.**

STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10** COUNTY: **Kent** CODE: **001**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
OWNER'S NAME: **Frank & Deborah E. Lambert**

STREET AND NUMBER:
STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 233**

CITY OR TOWN: **Farmington** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Kent County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
STREET AND NUMBER: **The Green**

CITY OR TOWN: **Dover** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
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STREET AND NUMBER:
street and NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at the northeast edge of Farmington, the Tharp House is a two-story and attic structure with an east frontage. The house is clearly a composite of three distinct parts:

To the south is a three-bay back portion containing a large first floor room, which features a paneled fireplace breast. On the second floor are two bed chambers. The east facade is laid in Flemish bond, while the south gable and west walls are laid in English-gardenwall bond. Brickwork discontinuities indicate the existence of a doorway in the center bay, now occupied by a window.

The north section of the main house is frame, sheathed in cedar shingles, and contains a hall and north room. The fireplace in the north room is the larger, and the exposed beams are beaded and whitewashed. A finely paneled wainscoting remains in the hall. The facade of the north section is composed of four bays. Because of the close spacing of the fenestration in the northern three bays, the entry is visually located in the center of the house facade.

Most of the recent alterations have occurred in the rear wing, which is considered to have been a kitchen outbuilding joined to the main body of the house. To this wing has been added a core containing modern conveniences. Most of the original detailing has been removed or obscured; however, an enclosed winding stair remains to the rear of the kitchen in the northwest corner.



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4. SIGNIFICANCE

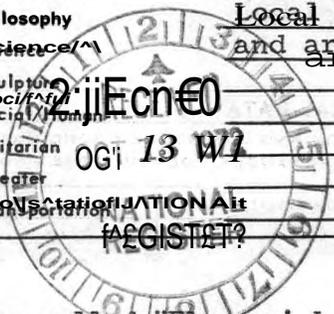
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>and architecture</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social History | <u>architecture</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transnational | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The Tharp House stands on a tract once called "Flowers' Lot", probably for a Thomas Flowers, who owned over a thousand acres in the area about 1681. "Flowers' Lot" became the property of Punell Johnson who bought over one hundred acres in 1807 for six hundred fifty dollars. Johnson added this acreage to his holdings, which grew to five hundred acres by 1816.

In his will, dated January 24, 1829, Johnson devised "all my home farm or tract of land whereon I now live" to his daughter Mary. This bequest probably included the present house, or at least portions of it. The structure's north end is thought to be the older portion; the fire-place there is larger, and before repairs were made, exposed summer beams bisected the ceiling.

Through Mary Johnson, the house came to the man who gave it his name. William Tharp, her husband, was the namesake of his grandfather, who had been an influential citizen of Marlborough Hundred before the Revolutionary War. Tharp was born in 1803 and came to take a prominent part in the agricultural, commercial, and political activities of Kent County and of the State. He held a seat in the State Senate for a term beginning in 1838. After one unsuccessful campaign, and defeat by the Whig candidate, he won the governorship in the following election. He served from 1847 until 1851.

As its treasurer, Tharp assisted in organizing the Delaware Railroad, which aimed to build a main line south towards Cape Charles, Virginia, with lateral branches serving other areas of the state. Tharp was also a charter member of the State's first agricultural society, and was a successful farmer, as his father had been.

William Tharp finished building the mansion as it stands today. Upon his death, the property again descended to a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. Hill. During her tenure, alterations were undertaken, including conversion of the center room into a stair hall.

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MacDonald, Betty Harrington. Historic Landmarks of Delaware and the Eastern Shore. Dover: Delaware State Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, 1963.

Scharf, J. Thomas. A History of Delaware; 1609-1888. Philadelphia: E. J. Richards, 1888.

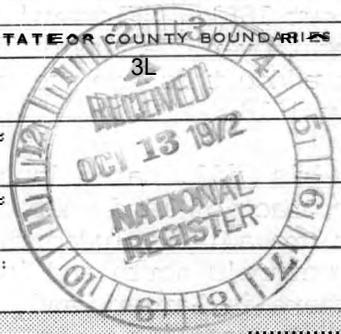
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38°	52'	17"	75°	34'	35"
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Winston R. Rogers and Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 11/3/79

STREET AND NUMBER: Wall of Boonville

CITY OR TOWN: Delaware STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: S. Berkeley Tompkins
 Title: Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs
 Date: 10-6-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register:

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/20/73

ATTEST:

M. Woodford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/16/73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY

Sharp House

STATE Ala.

73000491

Working number

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TECH REVIEW

Photos 4

Maps 1

KENT

REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

Accept. AMK
3/2/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

accept
cash
3-14-73

ARCHITECT

ACCEPT.
KH
3/9/73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
3/15/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW

KEEPER

Off. JHB
wmt
3/17/73

National Register write-up _____

Federal Register entry 5-1-73

Acknowledge 10/13/72

Send back _____

Re-submit _____

Register no. MAR 20 1973



NPS Number 3/20/73

Title: Tharp House

Loc. Kent, Del.

SIDE-FRONT VIEW FROM SE

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Tharp House, side-front view from the south-east.
Graydon Wood, Aug. '72.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Kent	
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ENTRY NUMBER 343	DATE MAR 20 1974

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Tharp House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 233, U.S. Route 13

CITY OR TOWN:

Farmington

STATE:

Delaware

CODE

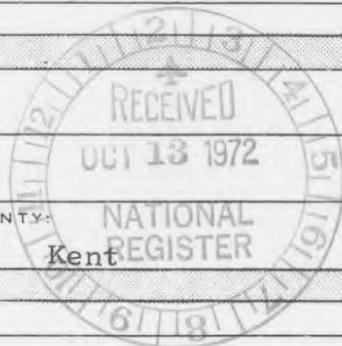
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COUNTY:

Kent

CODE

001



3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Graydon Wood

DATE OF PHOTO: August 1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Historic Registrar's Office, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Side-front view from the southeast.



NPS Number 3/20/73

Title: Tharp House

Loc. Kent, Delaware

SIDE VIEW FROM THE WEST

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Tharp House, side view from the west.
Graydon Wood, Aug. '72.

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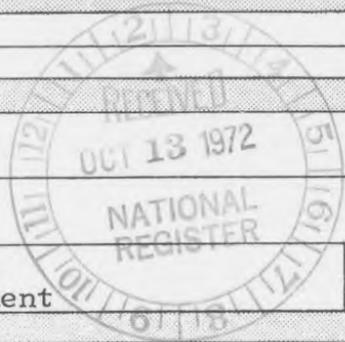
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COUNTY Kent	
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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 233, U.S. Route 13			
CITY OR TOWN: Farmington			
STATE: Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 001
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Side view from the west.			





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Title: Tharp House

Loc. Kent, Delaware

side-front view from NE

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Tharp House, side-front view from the north-east.
Graydon Wood, Aug. '72.



NPS Number 3/20/73

Title: Tharp House

Loc. KENT, DELAWARE

Detail of the front door

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Tharp House, detail of front door.
Gordon Wood, Aug. '72.

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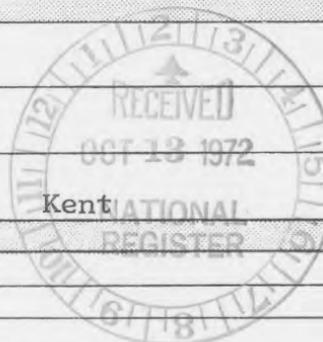
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Detail of front door.



Form 10-301
July 1969

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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ENTRY NUMBER	ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMITTERS

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

USGS Map, Greenwood Quadrangle, 7.5' series
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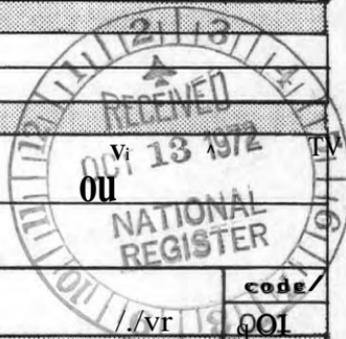
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4. REQUIREMENTS

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1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE DELAWARE

Date Entered MAR 20 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ashland Bridge	Ashland New Castle County
Clearfield Farm	Smayna New Castle County
Hockessin Friends Meeting House	Hockessin New Castle County
Huguenot House	Taylor's Bridge vicinity New Castle County
Bonwell House	Frederica Kent County
Snowland	Leipsic Kent County
Cooper House	Kenton Kent County
Tharp House	Farmington Kent County

Also Notified

Hon. J. R. Biden
Hon. William V. Roth, Jr.
Hon. Pierre S. du Pont, IV
Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins, Director
Division of Historical and Cultural
Affairs
Department of State
Dover, Delaware 19901

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3/30/73